

Bible Study

Gods Word in Focus



Week Seventeen

Gospel of John

John 8: 42-59

Children of the Devil

John 8:42-50

And what are the marks by which the children of Satan may be known? The marks are the features of their father. He was a murderer and a liar from the beginning—even from that dreadful and mysterious hour when he departed from the truth; for he was created in the truth.

God, who created all things, can create nothing evil; therefore Satan and all the wicked angels were originally good. How evil sprang up in them, no human creature knows; it is a deep mystery, not revealed to us.

It is sufficient for us to know that Satan was good—that he became evil, and will continue so forever. After his fall, he was a murderer, and sought to murder the souls of Adam and Eve, by tempting them to sin, and to murder in them the whole human race—for in Adam all die.

So dreadful a crime was never again perpetrated upon earth, until—Satan's own children, at the instigation of their father, murdered the Son of God, who came down from heaven to save sinners.

"Before Abraham was, I am"

John 8:51-59

Do you thirst to know God -- to know him personally and the power and depth of his love for us? God made us to know him and he gives us the gift of faith and understanding to grow in our knowledge of him.

Jesus challenged the people of Israel to accept his word as the revelation of God. His claims challenged the very foundation of their belief and understanding of God. Jesus made a series of claims which are the very foundation of his life and mission. What are these claims?

First, Jesus claims unique knowledge of God. Jesus claims that the only way to full knowledge of the mind and heart of God is through himself.

Jesus also claims unique obedience to God the Father. He *thinks, lives and acts in the knowledge of his Father's word*. To look at his life is to "see how God wishes me to live." In Jesus alone we see what God wants us to know and what he wants us to be.